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Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule prescribes the hunting seasons, hours, areas, and daily bag and possession limits for general waterfowl seasons and those early seasons for which States previously deferred selection. Taking of migratory birds is prohibited unless specifically provided for by annual regulations. This rule permits the taking of designated species during the 2012–13 season.

DATES: This rule is effective on September 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may inspect comments received on the migratory bird hunting regulations during normal business hours at the Service's office in room 4107, Arlington Square Building, 4501 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. You may obtain copies of referenced reports from the street address above, or from the Division of Migratory Bird Management's web site at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/>, or at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–MB–2012–0005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron W. Kokel, Division of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulations Schedule for 2012

On April 17, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 23094) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal provided a background and overview of the migratory bird hunting regulations process, and addressed the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for hunting migratory game birds under §§ 20.101 through 20.107, 20.109, and 20.110 of subpart K. Major steps in the 2012–13 regulatory cycle relating to open public meetings and **Federal Register** notifications were also identified in the April 17 proposed rule. Further, we explained that all sections of subsequent documents outlining hunting frameworks and guidelines were organized under numbered headings.

On May 17, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 29516) a second document providing supplemental proposals for early- and late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. The May 17 supplement also provided detailed information on the 2012–13 regulatory schedule and announced the Service Regulations Committee (SRC) and Flyway Council meetings.

On June 12, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 34931) a third document revising our previously announced dates of the June 2012 SRC meetings.

On June 19 and 20, 2012, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants where the participants reviewed information on the current status of migratory shore and upland game birds and developed recommendations for the 2012–13 regulations for these species plus regulations for migratory game birds in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, special September waterfowl seasons in designated States, special sea duck seasons in the Atlantic Flyway, and extended falconry seasons. In addition, we reviewed and discussed preliminary information on the status of waterfowl as it relates to the development and selection of the regulatory packages for the 2012–13 regular waterfowl seasons.

On July 20, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 42920) a fourth document specifically dealing with the proposed frameworks for early-season regulations. On August 30, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 53118) a final rule that contained final frameworks for early migratory bird hunting seasons from which wildlife conservation agency officials from the States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands selected early-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits. Subsequently, on August 31, 2012, we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 53752) amending subpart K of title 50 CFR part 20 to set hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for early seasons.

On July 25–26, 2012, we held open meetings with the Flyway Council Consultants, at which the participants reviewed the status of waterfowl and developed recommendations for the 2012–13 regulations for these species. Proposed hunting regulations were discussed for late seasons. On August 17, 2012, we published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 49868) the proposed frameworks for the 2012–13 late-season migratory bird hunting regulations. We published final late-season frameworks for

migratory game bird hunting regulations, from which State wildlife conservation agency officials selected late-season hunting dates, hours, areas, and limits for 2012–13, in a September 20, 2012, **Federal Register**.

The final rule described here is the final in the series of proposed, supplemental, and final rulemaking documents for migratory game bird hunting regulations for 2012–13 and deals specifically with amending subpart K of 50 CFR part 20. It sets hunting seasons, hours, areas, and limits for species subject to late-season regulations and those for early seasons that States previously deferred.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Consideration

NEPA considerations are covered by the programmatic document “Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement: Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds (FSES 88-14),” filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on June 9, 1988. We published a notice of availability in the **Federal Register** on June 16, 1988 (53 FR 22582). We published our Record of Decision on August 18, 1988 (53 FR 31341). In addition, an August 1985 environmental assessment entitled “Guidelines for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands” is available from the address indicated under the caption **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In a notice published in the September 8, 2005, **Federal Register** (70 FR 53376), we announced our intent to develop a new Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the migratory bird hunting program. Public scoping meetings were held in the spring of 2006, as detailed in a March 9, 2006, **Federal Register** (71 FR 12216). We released the draft SEIS on July 9, 2010 (75 FR 39577). The draft SEIS is available either by writing to the address indicated under **FOR FURTHER**

INFORMATION CONTACT or by viewing our website at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds>.

Endangered Species Act Consideration

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543; 87 Stat. 884), provides that, “The Secretary shall review other programs administered by him and utilize such programs in furtherance of the purposes of this Act” (and) shall “insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out * * * is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of [critical] habitat * * *.” Consequently, we conducted formal consultations to ensure that actions resulting from these regulations would not likely jeopardize the continued existence of endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of their critical habitat. Findings from these consultations are included in a biological opinion, which concluded that the regulations are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. Additionally, these findings may have caused modification of some regulatory measures previously proposed, and the final frameworks reflect any such modifications. Our biological opinions resulting from this section 7 consultation are public documents available for public inspection at the address indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Orders 12866 and 13563)

Executive Order 12866 provides that the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) will review all significant rules. OIRA has determined that this rule is significant because it will have an annual effect of \$100 million or more on the economy.

Executive Order 13563 reaffirms the principles of E.O. 12866 while calling for improvements in the nation's regulatory system to promote predictability, to reduce uncertainty, and to use the best, most

innovative, and least burdensome tools for achieving regulatory ends. The executive order directs agencies to consider regulatory approaches that reduce burdens and maintain flexibility and freedom of choice for the public where these approaches are relevant, feasible, and consistent with regulatory objectives. E.O. 13563 emphasizes further that regulations must be based on the best available science and that the rulemaking process must allow for public participation and an open exchange of ideas. We have developed this rule in a manner consistent with these requirements.

An economic analysis was prepared for the 2008–09 season. This analysis was based on data from the 2006 National Hunting and Fishing Survey, the most recent year for which data are available (see discussion in **Regulatory Flexibility Act** section below). This analysis estimated consumer surplus for three alternatives for duck hunting (estimates for other species are not quantified due to lack of data). The alternatives are (1) Issue restrictive regulations allowing fewer days than those issued during the 2007–08 season, (2) Issue moderate regulations allowing more days than those in alternative 1, and (3) Issue liberal regulations identical to the regulations in the 2007–08 season. For the 2008–09 season, we chose alternative 3, with an estimated consumer surplus across all flyways of \$205–\$270 million. We also chose alternative 3 for the 2009–10 and the 2010–11 seasons. For the 2012–13 season, we are again selecting alternative 3. For these reasons, we have not conducted a new economic analysis, but the 2008–09 analysis is part of the record for this rule and is available at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–MB–2012–0005.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The annual migratory bird hunting regulations have a significant economic impact on substantial numbers of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). We analyzed the

economic impacts of the annual hunting regulations on small business entities in detail as part of the 1981 cost-benefit analysis. This analysis was revised annually from 1990–95. In 1995, the Service issued a Small Entity Flexibility Analysis (Analysis), which was subsequently updated in 1996, 1998, 2004, and 2008. The primary source of information about hunter expenditures for migratory game bird hunting is the National Hunting and Fishing Survey, which is conducted at 5-year intervals. The 2008 Analysis was based on the 2006 National Hunting and Fishing Survey and the U.S. Department of Commerce's County Business Patterns, from which it was estimated that migratory bird hunters would spend approximately \$1.2 billion at small businesses in 2008. Copies of the Analysis are available upon request from the Division of Migratory Bird Management (see **ADDRESSES**) or from our website at <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/SpecialTopics/SpecialTopics.html#HuntingRegs> or at <http://www.regulations.gov> at Docket No. FWS–R9–MB–2012–0005.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. For the reasons outlined above, this rule will have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. However, because this rule establishes hunting seasons, we are not deferring the effective date under the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 808(1).

Paperwork Reduction Act

We examined these regulations under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The various recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed under regulations established in 50 CFR part 20, subpart K, are utilized in the formulation of migratory game bird hunting regulations. Specifically, OMB has approved the information collection requirements of our Migratory Bird Surveys and assigned control number 1018–0023 (expires 4/30/2014). This information is used to provide a

sampling frame for voluntary national surveys to improve our harvest estimates for all migratory game birds in order to better manage these populations. OMB has also approved the information collection requirements of the Alaska Subsistence Household Survey, an associated voluntary annual household survey used to determine levels of subsistence take in Alaska, and assigned control number 1018–0124 (expires 4/30/2013). A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

We have determined and certify, in compliance with the requirements of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, 2 U.S.C. 1502 *et seq.*, that this rulemaking will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on local or State government or private entities. Therefore, this rule is not a “significant regulatory action” under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Civil Justice Reform—Executive Order 12988

The Department, in promulgating this rule, has determined that this rule will not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Takings Implication Assessment

In accordance with Executive Order 12630, this rule, authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, does not have significant takings implications and does not affect any constitutionally protected property rights. This rule will not result in the physical occupancy of property, the physical invasion of property, or the regulatory taking of any property. In fact, this rule allows hunters to exercise otherwise unavailable privileges and, therefore, reduces restrictions on the use of private and public property.

Energy Effects—Executive Order 13211

Executive Order 13211 requires agencies to prepare Statements of Energy Effects when undertaking certain actions. While this rule is a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866, it is not expected to adversely affect energy supplies, distribution, or use. Therefore, this action is not a significant energy action and no Statement of Energy Effects is required.

Government-to-Government Relationship with Tribes

In accordance with the President's memorandum of April 29, 1994, “Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments” (59 FR 22951), Executive Order 13175, and 512 DM 2, we have evaluated possible effects on Federally recognized Indian tribes and have determined that there are no effects on Indian trust resources. However, in the April 17 **Federal Register**, we solicited proposals for special migratory bird hunting regulations for certain Tribes on Federal Indian reservations, off-reservation trust lands, and ceded lands for the 2012–13 migratory bird hunting season. The resulting proposals were contained in a separate August 16, 2012, proposed rule (77 FR 49680). By virtue of these actions, we have consulted with Tribes affected by this rule.

Federalism Effects

Due to the migratory nature of certain species of birds, the Federal Government has been given responsibility over these species by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. We annually prescribe frameworks from which the States make selections regarding the hunting of migratory birds, and we employ guidelines to establish special regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. This process preserves the ability of the States and tribes to determine which seasons meet their individual needs. Any State or Indian tribe may be more restrictive than the Federal frameworks at any time. The frameworks are developed in a cooperative process with the States and the Flyway Councils. This

process allows States to participate in the development of frameworks from which they will make selections, thereby having an influence on their own regulations. These rules do not have a substantial direct effect on fiscal capacity, change the roles or responsibilities of Federal or State governments, or intrude on State policy or administration. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, these regulations do not have significant federalism effects and do not have sufficient federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a federalism summary impact statement.

Regulations Promulgation

The rulemaking process for migratory game bird hunting must, by its nature, operate under severe time constraints. However, we intend that the public be given the greatest possible opportunity to comment. Thus, when the preliminary proposed rulemaking was published, we established what we believed were the longest periods possible for public comment. In doing this, we recognized that when the comment period closed, time would be of the essence. That is, if there were a delay in the effective date of these regulations after this final rulemaking, States would have insufficient time to select season dates and limits; to communicate those selections to us; and to establish and publicize the necessary regulations and procedures to implement their decisions. We find that “good cause” exists, within the terms of 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedure Act, and therefore, under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (July 3, 1918), as amended (16 U.S.C. 703–711), these regulations will take effect less than 30 days after publication. Accordingly, with each conservation agency having had an opportunity to participate in selecting the hunting seasons desired for its State or Territory on those species of migratory birds for which open seasons are now prescribed, and consideration having been given to all other relevant matters presented, certain sections of title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K, are hereby amended as set forth below.

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 20

Exports, Hunting, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Transportation, Wildlife.

Dated: September 11, 2012

Michael J. Bean

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 50, chapter I, subchapter B, part 20, subpart K of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 20 — [AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 40 Stat. 755, 16 U.S.C. 703-712; Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742a-j; Pub. L. 106-108, 113 Stat. 1491, Note Following 16 U.S.C. 703.

Note – The following annual regulations provided for by §§ 20.104, 20.105, 20.106, 20.107, and 20.109 of 50 CFR part 20 will not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations because of their seasonal nature. Check state regulations for additional restrictions and delineations of geographical areas. Special restrictions may apply on Federal and State public hunting areas and Federal Indian Reservations.

2. Section 20.104 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§20.104 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for rails, woodcock, and common snipe.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 17, 2012 (77 FR 49868) and August 30, 2012 (77 FR 53118), Federal Registers.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752).

	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

		* * * * *		
<u>Massachusetts</u> (5)	Sept. 1-Nov. 9	Closed	Oct. 3-Oct. 27 & Oct. 29-Nov. 17	Sept. 1-Dec. 15
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MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

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<u>Louisiana</u>				
West Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 3-Dec. 10 & Dec. 22-Feb. 28
East Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 3-Dec. 3 & Dec. 15-Feb. 28
Coastal Zone	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	Dec. 18-Jan. 31	Nov. 3-Dec. 3 & Dec. 15-Feb. 28
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Tennessee

Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 11 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	Closed	Oct. 27-Dec. 10	Nov. 10-Nov. 11 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27
State Zone	Nov. 24-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	Closed	Oct. 27-Dec. 10	Nov. 24-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27

Wisconsin

North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 4 & Nov. 10-Nov. 25	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 22-Nov. 4 & Nov. 10-Nov. 25
South Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 7 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 29-Oct. 7 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2
Miss. River Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2	Closed	Sept. 22-Nov. 5	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Arizona (18)

North Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 5-Jan. 13
South Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 19-Jan. 27
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	Sora & Virginia Rails	Clapper & King Rails	Woodcock	Common Snipe
Daily bag limit	25 (1)	15 (2)	3	8
Possession limit	25 (1)	30 (2)	6	16
<u>Idaho</u>				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Jan. 18
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Jan. 25
Zone 3	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Jan. 25
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<u>Nevada</u>				
Northeast Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Sept. 22-Oct. 31 & Nov. 3-Jan. 6
Northwest Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Oct. 31 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27
South Zone (19)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Oct. 31 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27
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<u>Oregon</u>				
Zone 1	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 3-Feb. 17
Zone 2	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20
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<u>Washington</u>				
East Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 27
West Zone	Closed	Closed	Closed	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 27
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(1) The bag and possession limits for sora and Virginia rails apply singly or in the aggregate of these species.

(2) All bag and possession limits for clapper and king rails apply singly or in the aggregate of the two species and, unless otherwise specified, the limits are in addition to the limits on sora and Virginia rails in all States. In Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, the limits for clapper and king rails are 10 daily and 20 in possession. See also footnote (6) below.

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(5) In Massachusetts, the sora rail limits are 5 daily and 5 in possession; the Virginia rail limits are 10 daily and 10 in possession.

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(18) In Arizona, Ashurst Lake in Unit 5B is closed to common snipe hunting.

(19) In Nevada, the snipe season for the Clarke County portion of the South Zone is only open November 3 to January 27.

3. In § 20.105, paragraphs (a), (b), and (f) are amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order and paragraph (e) is revised to read as follows:

§20.105 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for waterfowl, coots, and gallinules.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations.

Area descriptions were published in the August 17, 2012 (77 FR 49868) and August 30, 2012 (77 FR 53118), Federal Registers.

(a) Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules.
(Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways)

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752). The zones named in this paragraph are the same as those used for setting duck seasons.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>			
	* * * * *		
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27	15 15	30 30
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<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 4-Oct. 8 & Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 8-Jan. 26	15 15 15	30 30 30
<u>West Virginia</u>	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Dec. 17-Jan. 26	15 15	30 30
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
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<u>Louisiana</u>	Sept. 15-Sept. 30 & Nov. 10-Jan. 2	15 15	30 30

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession	
<u>Michigan</u>					
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 16 &	1	2	
		Nov. 22-Nov. 25	1	2	
	Middle Zone	Sept. 29-Nov. 25 &	1	2	
		Dec. 15-Dec. 16	1	2	
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 30 &	1	2	
		Dec. 29-Jan. 1	1	2	
<u>Minnesota (3)</u>					
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 20	15	30	
	Central Zone	Sept. 22-Sept 30 &	15	30	
		Oct. 6-Nov. 25	15	30	
	South Zone	Sept. 22-Sept 30 &	15	30	
		Oct. 13-Dec. 2	15	30	
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<u>Tennessee</u>					
	Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 11 &	15	30	
		Dec. 1-Jan. 27	15	30	
	State Zone	Nov. 24-Nov. 25 &	15	30	
		Dec. 1-Jan. 27	15	30	
<u>Wisconsin</u>					
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 4 &	15	30	
		Nov. 10-Nov. 25	15	30	
	South Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 7 &	15	30	
		Oct. 13-Dec. 2	15	30	
	Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 &	15	30	
		Oct. 13-Dec. 2	15	30	
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	<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>				
All States	Seasons are in aggregate with coots and listed in paragraph (e).				

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(3) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.

(b) Sea Ducks (scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks in Atlantic Flyway).

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752).

Within the special sea duck areas, the daily bag limit is 7 scoter, eider, and long-tailed ducks of which no more than 4 may be scoters. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limit. These limits may be in addition to regular duck bag limits only during the regular duck season in the special sea duck hunting areas.

	Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
	* * * * *		
<u>Georgia</u>	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27	7 7	14 14
	* * * * *		
<u>Maryland</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	5	10
<u>Massachusetts (4)</u>	Oct. 8-Jan. 31	7	14
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<u>North Carolina</u>	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	7	14
	* * * * *		
<u>South Carolina</u>	Oct. 13-Jan. 27	7	14
<u>Virginia</u>	Oct. 4-Jan. 31	7	14

Note: Notwithstanding the provisions of this part 20, the shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Virginia, and Maryland in those areas described, delineated, and designated in their respective hunting regulations as special sea duck hunting areas.

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(4) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 eiders (only 1 of which may be a hen) and 4 long-tailed ducks.

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(e) Waterfowl, Coots, and Pacific-Flyway Seasons for Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules.

Definitions

The Atlantic Flyway: Includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The Mississippi Flyway: Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The Central Flyway: Includes Colorado (east of the Continental Divide), Kansas, Montana (Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Judith Basin, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Wheatland, and all counties east thereof), Nebraska, New Mexico (east of the Continental Divide except that the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation is in the Pacific Flyway), North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming (east of the Continental Divide).

The Pacific Flyway: Includes the States of Arizona, California, Colorado (west of the Continental Divide), Idaho, Montana (including and to the west of Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park Counties), Nevada, New Mexico (the Jicarilla Apache Indian Reservation and west of the Continental Divide), Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming (west of the Continental Divide including the Great Divide Basin).

Light Geese: Includes lesser snow (including blue) geese, greater snow geese, and Ross's geese.

Dark Geese: Includes Canada geese, white-fronted geese, emperor geese, brant (except in California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other geese except light geese.

ATLANTIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hen mallards), 4 scaup, 1 black duck, 2 pintails, 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, and 1 fulvous tree duck. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Harlequin Ducks: All areas of the Flyway are closed to harlequin duck hunting.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers with 10 in possession and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>Connecticut</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 24 & Nov. 10-Jan. 7		
	South Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 18 & Nov. 17-Jan. 19		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	AFRP Unit	Oct. 13-Oct. 18 & Nov. 15-Nov. 24 & Dec. 1-Feb. 15	5 5 5	10 10 10

		Season Dates	Limits		
			Bag	Possession	
Light Geese:	NAP H-Unit	Oct. 10-Oct. 24 & Nov. 22-Jan. 15	2 2	4 4	
	AP Unit	Oct. 19-Oct. 24 & Nov. 17-Jan. 8	3 3	6 6	
	Special Season	Jan. 16-Feb. 9	5	10	
	North Zone	Oct. 2-Jan. 16 & Feb. 22-Mar. 9	25 25	-- --	
	South Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 1 & Jan. 7-Mar. 9	25 25	-- --	
	Brant:				
	North Zone	Nov. 10-Jan. 7	2	4	
	South Zone	Nov. 23-Jan. 19	2	4	
	<u>Delaware</u>				
	Ducks	Oct. 26-Nov. 7 & Nov. 19-Nov. 29 & Dec. 13-Jan. 26	6 6 6	12 12 12	
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	30		
Canada Geese	Nov. 19-Nov. 29 & Dec. 13-Jan. 26	2 2	4 4		
Light Geese (1)	Oct. 1-Jan. 26	25	--		
Brant	Dec. 1-Jan. 26	2	4		
<u>Florida</u>					
Ducks	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27	6 6	12 12		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	30		
Canada Geese	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 30	5 5	10 10		
Light Geese	Same as for Ducks	15	--		
<u>Georgia</u>					
Ducks	Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27	6 6	12 12		
Mergansers	Same as for Ducks	5	10		
Coots	Same as for Ducks	15	30		
Canada Geese	Same as for Ducks	5	10		
Light Geese	Same as for Ducks	5	10		

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Brant		Closed	--	--
<u>Maine</u>				
Ducks (2):			6	12
	North Zone	Sept. 24-Dec. 1		
	South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Oct. 29-Dec. 22		
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20 & Nov. 19-Jan. 5		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 1-Dec. 8	2	4
	South Zone	Same as for Ducks	2	4
	Coastal Zone	Same as for Ducks	2	4
Light Geese		Oct. 1-Jan. 31	25	--
Brant:				
	North Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 27	2	4
	South Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Oct. 29-Dec. 11	2 2	4 4
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 20 & Nov. 19-Dec. 25	2 2	4 4
<u>Maryland</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers (3)		Oct. 13-Oct. 20 & Nov. 10-Nov. 23 & Dec. 11-Jan. 26	6 6 6	12 12 12
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	RP Zone	Nov. 17-Nov. 23 & Dec. 11-Mar. 6	5 5	10 10
	AP Zone	Nov. 17-Nov. 23 & Dec. 11-Jan. 30	2 2	4 4
Light Geese		Oct. 6-Nov. 23 & Dec. 11-Jan. 30 & Feb. 9 only	25 25 25	-- -- --
Brant		Nov. 14-Nov. 23 & Dec. 11-Jan. 26	2 2	4 4
<u>Massachusetts</u>				
Ducks (4):			6	12
	Western Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 24 &		

		Season Dates	Limits		
			Bag	Possession	
Mergansers Coots Canada Geese:	Central Zone	Dec. 10-Jan. 1			
		Oct. 8-Nov. 24 & Dec. 17-Jan. 5			
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 20 & Nov. 21-Jan. 21			
		Same as for Ducks	5	10	
		Same as for Ducks	15	30	
	NAP Zone:				
	Central Zone	Oct. 8-Nov. 24 & Dec. 17-Jan. 5	2	4	
		(Special season)	Jan. 17-Feb. 15	5	10
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 20 & Nov. 21-Jan. 21	2	4	
		(Special season) (5)	Jan. 22-Feb. 15	5	10
	AP Zone	Oct. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Dec. 20	3	6	
				3	6
	Light Geese:	Western Zone	Same as for Ducks	15	30
		Central Zone	Same as for Ducks & Jan. 17-Feb. 15	15	30
			15	30	
Coastal Zone (5)		Same as for Ducks & Jan. 22-Feb. 15	15	30	
			15	30	
Brant:	Western & Central Zone	Closed	--	--	
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 17-Nov. 24 & Dec. 13-Jan. 31	2	4	
			2	4	
<u>New Hampshire</u>					
Ducks:			6	12	
	Northern Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 30			
	Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 16			
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 14 & Nov. 21-Jan. 7			
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10	
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30	
Canada Geese:					
	Northern Zone	Same as for Ducks	2	4	
	Inland Zone	Same as for Ducks	2	4	
	Coastal Zone	Same as for Ducks	2	4	

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
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Light Geese:				
	Northern Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 16	25	--
	Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 16	25	--
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Jan. 7	25	—
Brant:				
	Northern Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 20	2	4
	Inland Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 20	2	4
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 3-Nov. 21	2	4
 <u>New Jersey</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 25 & Nov. 10-Jan. 5		
	South Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 3 & Nov. 17-Jan. 10		
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 17 & Nov. 22-Jan. 22		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada and White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 24 & Dec. 15-Jan. 26	3	6
	South Zone	Nov. 17-Dec 1 & Dec. 15-Jan. 26	3	6
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 22-Dec. 1 & Dec. 6-Jan. 22	3	6
	(Special season)	Jan. 28-Feb. 15	5	10
Light Geese:	North Zone	Oct. 17-Feb. 15	25	--
	South Zone	Oct. 17-Feb. 15	25	--
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 17-Feb. 15	25	--
Brant:				
	North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 25 & Nov. 22-Jan. 5	2	4
	South Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 3 & Nov. 17-Dec. 29	2	4
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 17 & Nov. 22-Jan. 10	2	4
 <u>New York</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers:			6	12
	Long Island Zone	Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 2-Jan. 27		

		Season Dates	Limits		
			Bag	Possession	
Coots Canada Geese:	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 17 & Oct. 27-Dec. 20			
	Northeastern Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 14 & Oct. 27-Dec. 16			
	Southeastern Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 21 & Nov. 10-Dec. 30			
	Western Zone	Oct. 27-Dec. 9 & Dec. 29-Jan. 13			
		Same as for Ducks	15	30	
	Western Long Island (AFRP)	Nov. 23-Mar. 9	8	16	
	Central Long Island (NAP-L)	Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 2-Feb. 6	3 3	6 6	
	Eastern Long Island (NAP-H)	Dec. 2-Jan. 30	2	4	
	Lake Champlain (AP) Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	3	6	
	Northeast (AP) Zone	Oct. 27-Dec. 15	3	6	
	East Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 16 & Nov. 24-Dec. 22	3 3	6 6	
	Hudson Valley (AP) Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 16 & Dec. 8-Jan. 5	3 3	6 6	
	West Central (AP) Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 27 & Dec. 29-Jan. 15	3 3	6 6	
	South (AFRP)	Oct. 27-Dec. 11 & Dec. 29-Jan. 15 & Feb. 23-Mar. 10	5 5 5	10 10 10	
	(Special season)	Feb. 7-Feb. 14	5	10	
	Light Geese (6):	Long Island Zone	Nov. 23-Mar. 9	25	--
		Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1-Dec. 29	25	--
		Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	25	--
		Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	25	--
		Western Zone	Oct. 1-Jan. 15	25	--
Brant:		Long Island Zone	Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Dec. 12-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4	
	Northeastern Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 24	2	4	
	Southeastern Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4	

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
	Western Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 24	2	4
<u>North Carolina</u>				
Ducks (7)		Oct. 3-Oct. 6 & Nov. 10-Dec. 1 & Dec. 15-Jan. 26	6 6 6	12 12 12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	RP Hunt Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 13 & Nov. 10-Dec. 1 & Dec. 15-Feb. 9	5 5 5	10 10 10
	SJBP Hunt Zone	Oct. 3-Oct. 31 & Nov. 10-Dec. 31	5 5	10 10
	Northeast Hunt Zone (8)	Jan. 19-Jan. 26	1	2
Light Geese (9)		Oct. 17-Oct. 20 & Nov. 10-Mar. 9	25 25	-- --
Brant		Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 15-Jan. 26	2 2	4 4
<u>Pennsylvania</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 20 & Nov. 13-Jan. 5		
	South Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 20 & Nov. 15-Jan. 15		
	Northwest Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 14		
	Lake Erie Zone	Oct. 22-Dec. 29		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 13-Nov. 24 & Dec. 13-Jan. 26	3 3	6 6
	SJBP Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 24 & Dec. 10-Jan. 18	3 3	6 6
	Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 24 & Dec. 11-Jan. 15 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28	5 5 5	10 10 10
Light Geese:				
	Eastern (AP) Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 26	25	--
	SJBP Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 18	25	--

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Brant	Resident (RP) Zone	Oct. 27-Feb. 28	25	--
		Oct. 6-Dec. 3	2	4
<u>Rhode Island</u>				
Ducks		Oct. 12-Oct. 15 &	6	12
		Nov. 21-Nov. 25 &	6	12
		Dec. 1-Jan. 20	6	12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese		Nov. 17-Nov. 25 &	2	4
		Dec. 1-Jan. 20	2	4
		(Special season)	Jan. 25-Feb. 10	5
Light Geese		Oct. 6-Jan. 20	15	--
Brant		Dec. 2-Jan. 20	2	4
<u>South Carolina</u>				
Ducks (10)(11)		Nov. 17-Nov. 24 &	6	12
		Dec. 1 only &	6	12
		Dec. 8-Jan. 27	6	12
Mergansers (12)		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada and White-fronted Geese (13)		Nov. 17-Nov. 24 &	5	10
		Dec. 1-Feb. 1 &	5	10
		Feb. 4-Feb. 7	5	10
Light Geese		Same as for Ducks	25	--
Brant		Dec. 9-Jan. 27	2	4
<u>Vermont</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13-Oct 17 & Oct. 27-Dec. 20		
	Interior Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 11		
	Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 16		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	3	6
	Interior Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	3	6
	Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 4 & Nov. 21-Dec. 16	2	4
Light Geese:				

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Brant:	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 1-Dec. 29	25	—
	Interior Zone	Oct. 1-Dec. 29	25	—
	Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 2-Dec. 16	25	—
	Lake Champlain Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4
	Interior Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	2	4
	Connecticut River Zone	Oct. 2-Nov. 20	2	4
<u>Virginia</u>				
Ducks (14)		Oct. 4-Oct. 8 & Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 8-Jan. 26	6 6 6	12 12 12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Eastern (AP) Zone	Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 20-Jan. 31	2 2	4 4
	Western (SJB) Zone	Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 14-Jan. 14 & (Special season) Jan. 15-Feb. 15	3 3 5	6 6 10
	Western (RP) Zone	Nov. 17-Dec. 1 & Dec. 8-Feb. 23	5 5	10 10
Light Geese		Oct. 4-Jan. 31	25	--
Brant		Nov. 17-Nov. 24 & Dec. 8-Jan. 26	2 2	4 4
<u>West Virginia</u>				
Ducks (15)		Oct. 1-Oct. 13 & Nov. 5-Nov. 10 & Dec. 17-Jan. 26	6 6 6	12 12 12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese		Oct. 1-Oct. 27 & Nov. 5-Nov. 10 & Dec. 17-Jan. 31 Same as for Canada	5 5 5	10 10 10
Light Geese		Geese	5	10
Brant		Dec. 17-Jan. 26	2	4

(1) In Delaware, the Bombay Hook NWR snow goose season is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only.

- (2) In Maine, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any species, with no more than 8 of any one species in possession. The season for Barrow's goldeneye is closed.
- (3) In Maryland, the black duck season is closed October 13 through October 20.
- (4) In Massachusetts, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 of any single species in addition to the flyway-wide bag restrictions.
- (5) In Massachusetts, the January 22 to February 15 portion of the season in the Coastal Zone is restricted to that portion of the Coastal Zone north of the Cape Cod Canal.
- (6) In New York, light geese may be taken with the aid of recorded or electrically amplified calls in any area or zone when all other waterfowl seasons are closed.
- (7) In North Carolina, the season is closed for black ducks October 3 through October 6 and November 10 through November 16. The daily bag limit for black and mottled ducks is combined with no more than 1 allowed in the daily bag.
- (8) In North Carolina, a permit is required to hunt Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone.
- (9) In North Carolina, electronic calls and unplugged shotguns are allowed for light geese from February 11 through March 9.
- (10) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit of 6 may not exceed 1 black-bellied whistling duck, and 1 black duck or 1 mottled duck in the aggregate.
- (11) In South Carolina, on December 1, 2012, only youth less than 18 years of age may hunt, but they must be accompanied by an adult of at least 21 years of age who is fully licensed, including a Federal Waterfowl Stamp, State waterfowl stamp, and HIP permit. Youth who are 16 and 17 years of age, who hunt, must possess a Federal Waterfowl Stamp and HIP permit.
- (12) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit for mergansers may include no more than 1 hooded merganser.
- (13) In South Carolina, the daily bag limit may include no more than 2 white-fronted geese.
- (14) In Virginia, the season is closed for black ducks October 4 through October 8.
- (15) In West Virginia, the daily bag limit may include no more than 4 long-tailed ducks, and the season is closed for eiders, whistling ducks, and mottled ducks.

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit of 6 ducks may include no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of

which may be females), 1 mottled duck, 1 black duck, 2 pintails, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, 4 scaup, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The merganser limits include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In states that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

			Limits	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
<u>Alabama</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Nov. 23-Nov. 24 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27		
	South Zone	Same as North Zone		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:				
	North Zone:			
	SJBP Zone	Sept. 22-Oct. 9 & Nov. 23-Nov. 24 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	3 3 3	6 6 6
	Rest of North Zone	Same as SJBP Zone	3	6
	South Zone	Same as Rest of North Zone	3	6
White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone:			
	SJBP Zone	Nov. 23-Nov. 24 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
	Rest of North Zone	Same as SJBP Zone	2	4
	South Zone	Same as Rest of North Zone	2	4
Light Geese:				
	North Zone:			
	SJBP Zone	Same as Rest of North Zone	5	10
	Monroe and Escambia Counties	Oct. 27-Nov. 11 & Nov. 23-Nov. 24 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	5 5 5	10 10 10
	Rest of North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	5	10
	South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	5	10

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
<u>Arkansas</u>				
Ducks		Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Dec. 6-Dec. 23 & Dec. 26-Jan. 27	6 6 6	12 12 12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Northwest Zone	Sept. 22-Oct. 1 & Nov. 17-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
	Remainder of State	Nov. 17-Jan. 27	2	4
White-fronted Geese		Nov. 17-Jan. 27	2	4
Brant		Closed	--	--
Light Geese		Nov. 3-Jan. 27	20	—
<u>Illinois</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Dec. 18		
	Central Zone	Oct. 27-Dec. 25		
	South Central Zone	Nov. 10-Jan. 8		
	South Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 20		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 17	2	4
	Central Zone	Oct. 27-Nov. 12 & Nov. 20-Jan. 31	2 2	4 4
	South Central Zone	Nov. 10-Jan. 31	2	4
	South Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone	Nov. 5-Jan. 17	2	4
	Central Zone	Nov. 19-Jan. 31	2	4
	South Central Zone	Nov. 19-Jan. 31	2	4
	South Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 17	20	--
	Central Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 31	20	—
	South Central Zone	Nov. 10-Jan. 31	20	--
	South Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 31	20	—
		Same as for Light Geese		
Brant			1	2

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>Indiana</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Dec. 9 & Dec. 22-Dec. 30		
	Central Zone	Nov. 3-Dec. 25 & Jan. 14-Jan. 20		
	South Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 4 & Nov. 24-Jan. 20		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 11 & Nov. 22-Jan. 6 & Jan. 19-Jan. 23	3 3 3	6 6 6
	Central Zone	Nov. 3-Dec. 25 & Jan. 7-Jan. 27	3 3	6 6
	South Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 11 & Nov. 24-Jan. 27	3 3	6 6
	Late Season Zone	Feb. 1-Feb. 15	5	10
White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	2	4
	Central Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	2	4
	South Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	2	4
Brant:				
	North Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	1	2
	Central Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	1	2
	South Zone	Same as for Canada Geese	1	2
Light Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 31 Same as North Zone	20 20	— —
	Central Zone	Same as North Zone	20	—
	South Zone	Same as North Zone	20	—
<u>Iowa</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 26 & Oct. 13-Dec. 6		

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Mergansers Coots Canada Geese:	Missouri River Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 26 & Oct. 27-Dec 20		
	South Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 26 & Oct. 20-Dec. 13		
		Same as for Ducks	5	10
		Same as for Ducks	15	30
White-fronted Geese:	North Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 31 & Nov. 1-Jan. 4	2 3	4 6
	Missouri River Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 31 & Nov. 1-Jan. 18	2 3	4 6
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 31 & Nov. 1-Jan. 11	2 3	4 6
	North Zone	Sept. 29-Dec. 11	2	4
	Missouri River Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 25	2	4
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 18	2	4
Brant:		Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	Missouri River Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	South Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
Light Geese:	North Zone	Sept. 29-Jan. 13	20	--
	Missouri River Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 18	20	--
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	20	--
<u>Kentucky</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	West Zone	Nov. 22-Nov. 25 & Dec. 3-Jan. 27		
	East Zone	Same as West Zone		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese		Nov. 22-Jan. 31	2	4
White-fronted Geese		Nov. 22-Jan. 31	2	4
Brant		Nov. 22-Jan. 31	1	2
Light Geese		Nov. 22-Jan. 31	20	—

Louisiana

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Ducks:			6	12
	West Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 9 & Dec. 22-Jan. 20		
	East Zone (including Catahoula Lake)	Nov. 17-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 27		
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 20		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (1):				
	West Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 9 & Dec. 22-Jan. 31	3 3	6 6
	East Zone	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 27	3 3	6 6
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 31	3 3	6 6
White-fronted (1):				
	West Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 9 & Dec. 22-Feb. 3	2 2	4 4
	East Zone	Nov. 3-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Jan. 27	2 2	4 4
	Coastal Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 2 & Dec. 15-Feb. 3	2 2	4 4
Brant		Closed	—	--
Light Geese				
	West Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	--
	East Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	--
	Coastal Zone	Same as for White-fronted	20	--
<u>Michigan</u>				
Ducks (2):			6	12
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 16 & Nov. 22-Nov. 25		
	Middle Zone	Sept. 29-Nov. 25 & Dec. 15-Dec. 16		
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 30 & Dec. 29-Jan. 1		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Dec. 22	2	4
	Middle Zone	Sept. 29-Dec. 29	2	4
	South Zone:			
	Muskegon Wastewater GMU	Oct. 9-Nov. 13 & Dec. 1-Dec. 23	2 2	4 4
	Allegan County GMU	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Dec. 23 & Dec. 29-Jan. 22	2 2 2	4 4 4
	Saginaw County GMU	Sept. 22-Sept. 25 & Oct. 6-Jan. 1	2 2	4 4
	Tuscola/Huron GMU	Same as Saginaw County GMU	2	4
	Remainder of South Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 23 & Oct. 6-Nov. 30 & Dec. 29-Jan. 1	2 2 5	4 4 10
	Southern MI Late Season (3)	Jan. 12-Feb. 10	5	10
White-fronted Geese:				
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Dec. 18	1	2
	Middle Zone	Sept. 29-Dec. 25	1	2
	South Zone	Oct. 6-Nov. 30 & Dec. 29-Jan. 1 & Jan. 12-Jan. 31	1 1 1	2 2 2
Light Geese:				
	North Zone	Same as for Canada geese	20	--
	Middle Zone	Same as for Canada geese	20	--
	South Zone	Same as for Canada geese	20	--
Brant:				
	North Zone	Same as for White- fronted geese	1	2
	Middle Zone	Same as for White- fronted geese	1	2
	South Zone	Same as for White- fronted geese	1	2
<u>Minnesota</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 20		
	Central Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 6-Nov. 25		

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
	South Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots (4)		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Geese:				
	North Zone:	Sept. 22-Dec. 16		
	Canada		3	6
	White-fronted and Brant		1	2
	Light Geese		20	--
	Central Zone:	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 6-Dec. 21		
	Canada		3	6
	White-fronted and Brant		1	2
	Light Geese		20	--
	South Zone:	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Dec. 28		
	Canada		3	6
	White-fronted and Brant		1	2
	Light Geese		20	--
<u>Mississippi</u>				
Ducks		Nov. 23-Nov. 25 & Nov. 30-Dec. 2 & Dec. 5-Jan. 27	6 6 6	12 12 12
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese		Nov. 15-Jan. 27	3	6
White-fronted		Nov. 15-Jan. 27	2	4
Brant		Same as for Canada geese	1	2
Light Geese		Same as for Canada geese	20	—
<u>Missouri</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers:			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 27-Dec. 25		
	Middle Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 1		
	South Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 20		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 14 &	3	6

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
White-fronted Geese:		Nov. 22-Jan. 31	3	6
	Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	3	6
	South Zone	Same as North Zone	3	6
	North Zone	Nov. 22-Jan. 31	2	4
	Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	2	4
	South Zone	Same as North Zone	2	4
Brant:				
Light Geese:	North Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	Middle Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	South Zone	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	North Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 31	20	--
	Middle Zone	Same as North Zone	20	--
	South Zone	Same as North Zone	20	--
<u>Ohio</u>				
Ducks (2):			6	12
	Lake Erie Marsh Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 28 & Nov. 10-Dec. 23		
	North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 28 & Nov. 24-Jan. 6		
	South Zone	Oct. 20-Oct. 28 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Lake Erie Goose Zone	Oct. 13- Oct. 28 & Nov. 10-Jan. 10	3	6
	North Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 28 & Nov. 24-Jan. 6 & Jan. 12-Jan. 29	3	6
	South Zone	Oct. 20-Nov. 11 & Dec. 8-Jan. 31	3	6
White-fronted Geese		Same as for Canada geese	1	2

		Season Dates	Bag	Limits Possession
		Same as for Canada geese	1	2
		Same as for Canada geese	10	20
<u>Tennessee</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	Reelfoot Zone	Nov. 10-Nov. 11 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27		
	State Zone	Nov. 24-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Northwest Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 16 & Nov. 10-Nov. 11 & Dec. 1-Feb. 10	2 2 2	4 4 4
	Southwest Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 30 & Nov. 24-Nov. 25 & Dec. 1-Jan. 27	2 2 2	4 4 4
	Kentucky/Barkley Lakes Zone	Same as Southwest Zone	2	4
	Rest of State	Same as Southwest Zone	2	4
White-fronted Geese		Dec. 1-Feb. 10	2	4
Brant		Nov. 23-Jan. 31	2	4
Light Geese		Nov. 24-Mar. 10	20	--
<u>Wisconsin</u>				
Ducks (2):			6	12
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Nov. 4 Nov. 10-Nov. 25		
	South Zone	Sept. 29-Oct. 7 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2		
	Mississippi River Zone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 & Oct. 13-Dec. 2		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	North Zone:			
	Brown Co. Subzone - North	Sept. 16-Nov. 4 & Nov. 10-Dec. 21	2 2	4 4

	Season Dates	Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Remainder of North Zone	Same as Brown Co. Subzone - North	2	4
South Zone:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 16-Dec. 16	2	4
Brown Co. Subzone - South	Sept. 16-Oct. 7 &	2	4
	Oct. 13-Dec. 21	2	4
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 22-Sept. 30 &	2	4
	Oct. 13-Jan. 3	2	4
Remainder of South Zone	Same as Brown Co. Subzone - South	2	4
White-fronted Geese:			
North Zone:			
Brown Co. Subzone - North	Sept. 20-Nov. 4 &	2	4
	Nov. 10-Dec. 21	2	4
Remainder of North Zone	Same as Brown Co. Subzone - North	2	4
South Zone:			
Horicon Zone	Sept. 20-Dec. 16	1	2
Brown Co. Subzone - South	Sept. 20-Oct. 7 &	2	4
	Oct. 13-Dec. 21	2	4
Mississippi River Subzone	Sept. 26-Sept. 30 &	2	4
	Oct. 13-Jan. 3	2	4
Remainder of South Zone	Same as Brown Co. Subzone - South	2	4
Brant	Same as for Canada geese	2	4
Light Geese	Same as for Canada geese	20	--

(1) In Louisiana, during the Canada goose season, the daily bag limit is 3 dark geese (whitefronts and Canada geese) with no more than 2 white-fronted geese. Possession limits are twice the daily bag limits.

(2) In Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, the daily bag limit may include no more than one hen mallard.

(3) In Michigan, the Southern Michigan Late Canada goose season excludes the Goose Management Units (GMUs).

(4) In Minnesota, the daily bag limit is 15 and the possession limit is 30 coots and moorhens in the aggregate.

CENTRAL FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck Limits: The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (2 female mallards), 1 mottled duck, 2 pintails, 1 canvasback, 2 redheads, and 3 wood ducks. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit is 5 mergansers with 10 in possession and may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers daily and 4 in possession. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, of which only 2 daily and 4 in possession may be hooded mergansers.

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>Colorado</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	Southeast Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 27		
	Northeast Zone:	Oct. 6-Nov. 26 & Dec. 15-Jan. 27		
	Mountain/Foothills Zone:	Sept. 29-Nov. 25 & Dec. 21-Jan. 27		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Dark Geese:				
	Northern Front Range Unit	Sept. 29-Oct. 14 & Nov. 17-Feb. 10	4 4	8 8
	South Park/San Luis Valley Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	4	8
	North Park Unit	Same as N. Front Range Unit	4	8
	Rest of State in Central Flyway	Nov. 17-Feb. 10	4	8
Light Geese:				
	Northern Front Range Unit	Oct. 27-Feb. 10 Same as N. Front Range	20	--
	South Park/San Luis Valley Unit	Unit Same as N. Front Range	20	--
	North Park Unit	Unit Same as N. Front Range	20	--
	Rest of State in Central Flyway	Unit	20	--
<u>Kansas</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	High Plains	Oct. 6-Dec. 30 & Jan. 19-Jan. 27		
	Low Plains:			
	Early Zone	Oct. 6-Dec. 2 &		

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
		Dec. 15-Dec. 30		
	Late Zone	Oct. 27-Dec. 30 & Jan. 19-Jan. 27		
	Southeast Zone	Nov. 15-Jan. 27		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese and Brant		Oct. 27-Nov. 4 & Nov. 7-Feb. 10	3	6
White-fronted Geese		Oct. 27-Dec. 30 & Feb. 2-Feb. 10	2	4
Light Geese		Oct. 27-Nov. 4 & Nov. 7-Feb. 10	20	--
<u>Montana</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers:			6	12
	Zone 1	Sept. 29-Jan. 3		
	Zone 2	Same as Zone 1		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Dark Geese		Sept. 29-Jan. 6 & Jan. 9-Jan. 13	5	10
Light Geese		Sept. 29-Jan. 6 & Jan. 9-Jan. 13	20	40
<u>Nebraska</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	Zone 1	Oct. 13-Dec. 25		
	Zone 2:			
	Low Plains	Oct. 6-Dec. 18		
	High Plains	Oct. 6-Dec. 18 & Jan. 2-Jan. 23		
	Zone 3:			
	Low Plains	Oct. 20-Jan. 1		
	High Plains	Oct. 20-Jan. 1 & Jan. 2-Jan. 23		
	Zone 4	Oct. 6-Dec. 18		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese:				
	Niobrara Unit	Oct. 27-Feb. 8	3	6
	East Unit	Oct. 6-Oct. 14 & Oct. 27-Jan. 30	3	6
	North Central Unit	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	3	6

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
White-fronted Geese	Platte River Unit	Oct. 27-Feb 8	3	6
	Panhandle Unit	Nov. 10-Feb. 8	3	6
		Oct. 6-Dec. 14 & Feb. 2-Feb. 3	2	4
			1	2
Light Geese		Oct. 6-Jan. 4 & Jan. 26-Feb. 8	20	--
			20	--
<u>New Mexico</u>				
Ducks and Mergansers (1):			6	12
	North Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 9		
	South Zone	Oct. 24-Jan. 27		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Dark Geese (2):				
	Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit (2)	Dec. 29-Jan. 20	2	2
	Rest of State	Oct. 13-Jan. 27	4	8
Light Geese		Oct. 13-Jan. 27	20	--
<u>North Dakota</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	High Plains	Sept. 22-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Dec. 30		
	Remainder of State	Sept. 22-Dec. 2		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese (3):				
	Missouri River Zone	Sept. 22-Dec. 28	3	6
	Rest of State	Sept. 22-Dec. 20	3	6
White-fronted Geese		Sept. 22-Dec. 2	2	4
Light Geese		Sept. 22-Dec. 30	20	—
<u>Oklahoma</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	High Plains	Oct. 13-Jan. 9		
	Low Plains:			
	Zone 1:	Oct. 27-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 20		
	Zone 2:	Nov. 3-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese		Oct. 27-Nov. 25 &	3	6

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
White-fronted Geese		Dec. 8-Feb. 10	3	6
		Oct. 27-Nov. 25 &	1	2
		Dec. 8-Feb. 3	1	2
Light Geese		Oct. 27-Nov. 25 &	20	--
		Dec. 8-Feb. 10	20	—
<u>South Dakota</u>				
Ducks:			6	12
	High Plains	Oct. 13-Dec. 25 & Dec. 26-Jan. 17		
	Low Plains:			
	North Zone	Sept. 29-Dec. 11		
	Middle Zone	Same as for North Zone		
	South Zone	Oct. 13-Dec. 25		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
White-fronted Geese		Sept. 29-Dec. 23	1	2
Canada Geese:				
	Unit 1	Oct. 1-Dec. 16	3	6
	Unit 2	Nov. 3-Feb. 15	3	6
	Unit 3	Oct. 13-Dec. 16 & Jan. 12-Jan. 20	3	6
Light Geese		Sept. 29-Dec. 23	20	—
<u>Texas</u>				
Ducks (4):			6	12
	High Plains	Oct. 27-Oct. 28 & Nov. 2-Jan. 27		
	Low Plains:			
	North Zone	Nov. 3-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27		
	South Zone	Same as North Zone		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Canada Geese and Brant:				
	East Tier:			
	South Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 27	3	6
	North Zone	Same as South Zone	3	6
	West Tier (5)	Nov. 3-Feb. 3	5	10
White-fronted Geese:				
	East Tier:			
	South Zone	Nov. 5-Jan. 13	2	4

			Limits	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
Light Geese:	North Zone	Same as South Zone	2	4
	West Tier (5)	Same as for Canada geese	1	2
	East Tier:			
	South Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 27	20	--
	North Zone	Same as South Zone		
	West Tier	Same as for Canada geese		
<u>Wyoming</u>				
Ducks (6):			6	12
	Zone C1	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Nov. 3-Jan. 22		
	Zone C2	Sept. 22-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 8		
	Zone C3	Same as Zone C2		
Mergansers		Same as for Ducks	5	10
Coots		Same as for Ducks	15	30
Dark Geese:				
	Zone C1:			
	Goshen/Platte Co. (7)	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Nov. 21-Feb. 17	2 4	4 8
	Rest of Zone C1	Oct. 6-Oct. 21 & Nov. 3-Dec. 2 & Dec. 8-Feb. 4	5 5 5	10 10 10
	Zone C2	Sept. 22-Nov. 25 & Dec. 8-Jan. 16	5 5	10 10
	Zone C3	Same as Zone C2	5	10
Light Geese		Oct. 6-Dec. 30 & Jan. 30-Feb. 17	10 10	40 40

(1) In New Mexico, Mexican-like ducks are included in the aggregate with mallards.

(2) In New Mexico, the season for dark geese is closed in Bernalillo, Sandoval, Sierra, and Valencia Counties. In the Middle Rio Grande Valley Unit, a limited season is established. See State regulations for additional information.

(3) In North Dakota, see State regulations for additional shooting hour restrictions.

(4) In Texas, the daily bag limit is 6 ducks, which may include no more than 5 mallards (only 2 of which may be hens), 2 redheads, 3 wood ducks, 1 canvasback, 2 pintails, and 1 dusky duck (mottled duck, black duck and their hybrids, or Mexican-like duck). The season for dusky ducks is closed the first 5 days of the season in all zones. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

(5) In Texas, in the West Tier the daily bag limit for dark geese is in the aggregate and may include no more than 1 white-fronted goose.

(6) In Wyoming, the daily bag limit may include no more than 1 hen mallard.

(7) See State regulations for additional restrictions.

PACIFIC FLYWAY

Flyway-wide Restrictions

Duck and Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of 7 ducks (including mergansers) may include no more than 2 female mallards, 2 pintails, 2 redheads, and 1 canvasback. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Coot and Common Moorhen Limits: Daily bag and possession limits are in the aggregate for the two species.

			Limits	
			Bag	Possession
<u>Arizona</u>				
Ducks (1):			7	14
	North Zone	Oct.5-Jan. 13		
	South Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27		
Coots and moorhens		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 5-Jan. 13	3	6
	South Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27	3	6
Light Geese:				
	North Zone	Oct. 5-Jan. 13	4	8
	South Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27	4	8
<u>California</u>				
Ducks:			7	14
	Northeastern Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 18		
	Colorado River Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27		
	Southern Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27		
	Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone	Oct. 6-Oct. 14 & Oct. 27-Jan. 27		
	Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27		
Coots and moorhens		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:				
	Northeastern Zone:	Oct. 6-Jan. 13	6	12
	Small Canada Geese (2)		6	12

		Limits	
		Bag	Possession
Season Dates			
Large Canada Geese (3)		2	4
White-fronted Geese		6	12
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27	3	6
Southern Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	3	6
Balance-of-State Zone:		8	16
Small Canada geese (2)	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	6	12
Large Canada geese (3)	Oct. 6-Oct. 10 & Oct. 20-Jan. 27	6	12
White-fronted Geese:		6	12
Sacramento Valley	Oct. 20-Dec. 21	2	4
Rest of Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27 & Feb. 16-Feb. 20	6	12
Del Norte & Humboldt Counties:		6	12
Small Canada geese (2)	Oct. 31-Jan. 27 & Feb. 23-Mar. 10	6	12
Large Canada geese (3)	Oct. 31-Jan. 27	1	2
White-fronted Geese	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	6	12
Light Geese:			
Northeastern Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 13	6	12
Colorado River Zone	Oct. 19-Jan. 27	6	12
Southern Zone:			
Imperial Valley	Nov. 3-Jan. 27 & Feb. 9-Feb. 24	6	12
Rest of Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	6	12
Balance-of-State Zone	Oct. 20-Jan. 27 & Feb. 16-Feb. 20	6	12
Del Norte & Humboldt Counties	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	6	12
Brant:			
North Zone	Nov. 7-Dec. 6	2	4
South Zone	Nov. 10-Dec. 9	2	4
<u>Colorado</u>			
Ducks	Sept. 22-Oct. 10 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27	7	14
Coots	Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese	Sept. 22-Oct. 1 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27	4	8
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	4	8
<u>Idaho</u>			
Ducks:		10	20
Zone 1	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	7	14

			Limits	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
Coots Dark Geese:	Zone 2	Oct. 13-Jan. 25		
	Zone 3	Oct. 13-Jan. 25		
		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Light Geese:	Zone 1	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	4	8
	Zone 2	Oct. 13-Jan. 25	4	8
	Zone 3	Same as Zone 2	3	6
Light Geese:	Zone 1 (4)	Oct. 6-Jan. 18	10	20
	Zone 2	Oct. 19-Jan. 18 &	10	20
		Feb. 16-Mar. 10	10	20
	Zone 3	Nov. 5-Jan. 25 &	10	20
		Feb. 16-Mar. 10	10	20
	Zone 4	Oct. 13-Jan. 25	10	20
<u>Montana</u>				
Ducks		Sept. 29-Jan. 11	7	14
Coots		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese (5)		Sept. 29-Jan. 11	4	8
Light Geese		Sept. 29-Jan. 11	10	20
<u>Nevada</u>				
Ducks:			7	14
Coots and moorhens Dark Geese:	Northeast Zone	Sept. 22-Oct. 31 & Nov. 3-Jan. 6		
	Northwest Zone	Oct. 13-Oct. 31 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27		
	South Zone (6)	Same as Northwest Zone		
		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Light Geese (7):	Northeast Zone	Same as for Ducks	3	6
	Northwest Zone	Same as for Ducks	3	6
	South Zone (6)	Same as for Ducks	3	6
Light Geese (7):	Northeast Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 6 &	10	20
		Feb. 10-Feb. 28	10	20
	Northwest Zone	Nov. 3-Jan. 27 &	10	20
		Feb. 10-Feb. 28	10	20
	South Zone (6)	Nov. 3-Jan. 27	10	20
<u>New Mexico</u>				
Ducks		Oct. 15-Jan. 27	7	14

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Coots		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Moorhens and gallinules		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:				
	North Zone	Sept. 22-Oct. 7 & Oct. 29-Jan. 27	3 3	6 6
	South Zone	Oct. 13-Jan. 27	2	4
Light Geese:				
	North Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	10	20
	South Zone	Same as for Dark Geese	10	20
<u>Oregon</u>				
Ducks:			7	14
	Zone 1:			
	Columbia Basin Unit:	Oct. 13-Oct. 21 & Oct. 24-Jan. 27		
	Rest of Zone 1	Same as Columbia Basin Unit		
	Zone 2	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Nov. 28-Jan. 20		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Geese:				
	Northwest General Goose Zone:			
	Dark Geese:	Nov. 3-Nov. 11 & Nov. 24-Jan. 13 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10	4 4 4	8 8 8
	Small Canada Geese (2)		3	6
	Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	6	12
	Northwest Special Permit Zone (8):			
	Dark Geese:	Nov. 3-Nov. 11 & Nov. 24-Jan. 13 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10	4 4 4	8 8 8
	Dusky Canada geese		1 per season	
	Small Canada geese (2)		3	6
	Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	4	8
	Southwest General Zone:			
	Dark Geese	Oct. 13-Nov. 30 & Dec. 8-Jan. 27	4 4	8 8
	Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	6	12
	South Coast Zone:			
	Dark Geese	Sept. 29-Nov. 25 & Dec. 15-Jan. 14 & Feb. 23-Mar. 10	4 4 4	8 8 8
	Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese	6	12

			Limits	
Season Dates			Bag	Possession
Harney and Lake County Zone:				
Dark Geese:	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 10-Jan. 27		4 4	8 8
White-fronted geese:				
Lake County			1	2
Rest of Zone			4	8
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese		6	12
Malheur County Zone (9):				
Dark Geese	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 10-Jan. 27		4 4	8 8
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 28-Jan. 27 & Feb. 16-Mar. 10		10 10 10	20 20 20
Klamath County Zone:				
Dark Geese:	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 21-Jan. 27 &		4 4	8 8
White-fronted geese (Special season)	Feb. 23-Mar. 10		4	8
Light Geese	Oct. 6-Nov. 25 & Dec. 21-Jan. 27 & Feb. 23-Mar. 10		6 6 6	12 12 12
Eastern Zone:				
Dark Geese	Oct. 13-Oct. 21 & Oct. 29-Jan. 27		4 4	8 8
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese		6	12
Tillamook County (8):				
Dark Geese	Nov. 3-Nov. 11 & Nov. 24-Jan. 13 & Feb. 2-Mar. 10		4 4 4	8 8 8
Dusky Canada Geese			1 per season	
Small Canada Geese (2)			3	6
Light Geese	Same as for Dark Geese		4	8
Brant	Nov. 19-Dec. 4		2	4
<u>Utah</u> (10)				
Ducks:			7	14
	Zone 1	Oct. 6-Jan. 19		
	Zone 2	Same as Zone 1		
Coots	Same as for Ducks		25	25
Geese:				
Light:				
	North Goose Zone	Oct. 27-Jan. 19 &	10	20

		Season Dates	Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Dark:	Rest of State	Feb. 18-Mar. 10	10	20
		Oct. 16-Jan. 19 &	10	20
		Mar. 1-Mar. 10	10	20
	North Goose Zone	Oct. 6-Jan. 19	3	6
	Rest of State	Oct. 6-Oct. 18 &	3	6
		Oct. 27-Jan. 27	3	6
<u>Washington</u>				
Ducks:			7	14
Coots Geese:	East Zone	Oct. 13-Oct 17 & Oct. 20-Jan. 27		
	West Zone (11)	Same as East Zone		
		Same as for Ducks	25	25
	Management Area 1 (12):		4	8
	Light Geese	Oct 13-Jan. 27		
	Dark Geese	Oct 13-Oct. 25 & Nov. 3-Jan. 27		
	Management Area 2A (13):	Nov. 10-Nov. 21 &	4	8
		Nov. 24-Nov. 25 &	4	8
		Dec. 5-Jan. 27	4	8
	Dusky Canada geese			1 per season
	Late-Season Canada Geese:	Feb. 2-Mar. 6	4	8
	Dusky Canada geese			1 per season
	Management Area 2B (13):	Oct. 13-Oct. 24 &	4	8
		Nov. 3-Jan. 19	4	8
	Dusky Canada geese			1 per season
Management Areas 3 (12)	Oct. 13-Oct. 25 &	4	8	
	Nov. 3-Jan. 27	4	8	
Management Area 4 (12)	Oct. 13-Oct. 14 &	4	8	
	Oct. 17 &	4	8	
	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	4	8	
Management Area 5 (12)	Oct. 13-Oct. 15 &	4	8	
	Oct. 20-Jan. 27	4	8	
Brant (14):				
	Skagit County	Jan. 12-Jan. 27	2	4
	Pacific County	Jan. 5-Jan. 20	2	4
<u>Wyoming</u>				
Ducks:			7	14
	Snake River Zone	Sept. 22-Jan. 4		

			Limits	
			Bag	Possession
Season Dates				
	Balance of State Zone	Same as Snake River Zone		
Coots		Same as for Ducks	25	25
Dark Geese:		Sept. 22-Dec. 27	3	6

(1) In Arizona, the daily limit may include no more than either 2 hen mallards or 2 Mexican-like ducks, or 1 of each; and not more than 4 hen mallards and Mexican-like ducks, in the aggregate, may be in possession.

(2) In California and Oregon, small Canada geese are Cackling and Aleutian Canada geese.

(3) In California, large Canada geese are Western and Lesser Canada geese.

(4) In Idaho, the season on light geese is closed in Fremont and Teton Counties.

(5) In Montana, check State regulations for special seasons/exceptions in Freezeout Lake WMA; Canyon Ferry; Flathead; Deer Lodge County; and Missoula County.

(6) In Nevada, in the South Zone, the open season for all ducks, coots, moorhens, dark geese, and light geese in the Clark County portion of the South Zone are only open November 3 to January 27.

(7) In Nevada, there is no open season on light geese in Ruby Valley within Elko and White Pine Counties. In addition, the season is closed in Kirch WMA, Mason Valley WMA, and Scripps WMA/Washoe State Park from February 10 to February 28.

(8) In Oregon, the Northwest Special Permit Zone is closed to all goose hunting, except for designated areas. See State regulations for specific boundary descriptions, times, days, and other conditions of the special permit season.

(9) In Oregon, in the Malheur County Zone, the daily bag limit for light geese is 10 and all hunt days after the last Sunday in January must be concurrent with Idaho's Zone 2.

(10) In Utah, the shooting hours are 7:30 a.m. to sunset on October 1 in Cache, Salt Lake, Davis, Weber, and Box Elder Counties.

(11) In Washington, the daily bag limit in the West Zone may include no more than 2 scoters, 2 long-tailed ducks, and 2 goldeneyes, with the possession limit twice the daily bag limit. The daily bag and possession limit, and the season limit, for harlequins is 1.

(12) In Washington, in State Goose Area 4, hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, and certain holidays. In State Goose Areas 1, 3, and 5, hunting is allowed everyday. See State regulations for details, including shooting hours.

(13) In Washington, see State regulations for specific dates and conditions of permit hunts and closures for Canada geese.

(14) In Washington, brant may be hunted in Skagit and Pacific Counties only; see State regulations for specific dates.

(f) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days.

The following seasons are open only to youth hunters. Youth hunters must be accompanied into the field by an adult at least 18 years of age. This adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other open seasons.

Definition

Youth Hunters: Includes youths 15 years of age or younger.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752). Bag and possession limits will conform to those set for the regular season.

		Season Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Connecticut</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots * * * * *	Oct. 6 & Nov. 3
<u>Florida</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and geese * * * * *	Feb. 2 & 3
<u>Maryland</u> (1)(8)	Ducks, coots, snow geese, Canada geese, sea ducks, and brant	Nov. 3 & Feb. 9
<u>Massachusetts</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese	Sept. 29 & Oct. 6
<u>New Jersey</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
North Zone		Oct. 6 & Nov. 3
South Zone		Oct. 13 & Nov. 10
Coastal Zone		Oct. 27 & Nov. 3
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<u>North Carolina</u>	Ducks, mergansers, Canada geese (9), tundra swans (10), and coots * * * * *	Feb. 2 & 9
<u>South Carolina</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots * * * * *	Feb. 2 & 3
<u>Virginia</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, tundra swans (10), and Canada geese (11) * * * * *	Oct. 20 & Feb. 2
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>		
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<u>Arkansas</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	Feb. 2 & 3

<u>Illinois</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
North Zone		Oct. 13 & 14
Central Zone		Oct. 20 & 21
South Central Zone		Nov. 3 & 4
South Zone		Nov. 10 & 11
	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
<u>Indiana</u>		
North Zone		Oct. 13 & 14
Central Zone		Oct. 27 & 28
South Zone		Oct. 27 & 28
<u>Iowa</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots	
North Zone		Oct. 6 & 7
Missouri River Zone		Oct. 20 & 21
South Zone		Oct. 13 & 14
	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules:	
<u>Kentucky</u>		
West Zone		Feb. 2 & 3
East Zone		Nov. 3 & 4
	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
<u>Louisiana</u>		
West Zone		Nov. 3 & 4
East Zone		Nov. 10 & 11
Coastal Zone		Nov. 3 & 4
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	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese	
<u>Mississippi</u>		Feb. 2 & 3
	Ducks, coots, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
<u>Missouri</u>		
North Zone		Oct. 20 & 21
Middle Zone		Oct. 27 & 28
South Zone		Nov. 17 & 18
	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
<u>Ohio</u>		
Lake Erie Marsh		Sept. 29 & 30
North Zone		Sept. 29 & 30
South Zone		Nov. 23 & 24
	Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, gallinules, and geese:	
<u>Tennessee</u>		
Reelfoot Zone		Feb. 2 & 9
Remainder of State		Feb. 2 & 9
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<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
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<u>Kansas (4)</u>	Ducks, dark geese, mergansers, and coots:	
High Plains		Sept. 29 & 30

Low Plains:		
Early Zone		Sept. 29 & 30
Late Zone		Oct. 20 & 21
Southeast Zone		Nov. 3 & 4
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<u>Nebraska</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, and coots	
Zone 1		Oct. 6 & 7
Zone 2		Sept. 29 & 30
Zone 3		Oct. 13 & 14
Zone 4		Sept. 29 & 30
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Ducks, mergansers, coots, and geese:	
High Plains		Oct. 6 & 7
Low Plains:		
Zone 1		Oct. 13 & 14
Zone 2		Oct. 27 & 28
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	Ducks, geese, mergansers, moorhens, gallinules, and coots:	
<u>Texas</u>		
High Plains		Oct. 20 & 21
Low Plains:		
North Zone		Oct. 27 & 28
South Zone		Oct. 27 & 28
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<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Arizona</u>	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
North Zone		Sept. 29 & 30
South Zone		Feb. 2 & 3
<u>California</u>	Ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
Northeastern Zone		Sept. 22 & 23
Colorado River Zone		Feb. 2 & 3
Southern Zone		Feb. 2 & 3
Southern San Joaquin Valley		Feb. 2 & 3
Balance-of-State Zone		Feb. 2 & 3
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<u>Nevada</u>	Ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules	
Northeast Zone		Sept. 15 & Jan. 12
Northwest Zone		Sept. 29 & Feb. 9
South Zone		Feb. 9 & 10
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(1) In Maryland, youth hunter(s) must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old and who possesses a current Maryland hunting license or is exempt from the hunting license requirement. The adult accompanying the youth hunter(s) may not possess a hunting weapon and may not participate in other seasons that are open on the youth days.

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(4) In Kansas, the adult accompanying the youth must possess any licenses and/or stamps required by law for that individual to hunt waterfowl.

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(8) In Maryland, the bag limit for Canada geese is 2 in the AP Zone and 5 in the RP Zone.

(9) In North Carolina, the daily bag limit in the Northeast Hunt Zone may not include dark geese except by permit.

(10) In North Carolina and Virginia, the daily bag limit may not include tundra swans except by permit.

(11) In Virginia, the daily bag limit for Canada geese is 2.

4. Section 20.106 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§20.106 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for sandhill cranes.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting and hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Area descriptions were published in the August 30, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53118).

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

Note: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752).

Season Dates	Limits	
	Bag	Possession

MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY

<u>Kentucky</u> (1)(6)	Dec. 15-Jan. 13	2	2
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CENTRAL FLYWAY

<u>Oklahoma</u> (1)	Oct. 20-Jan. 20	3	6
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Texas (1):

Zone A	Nov. 3-Feb. 3	3	6
Zone B	Nov. 23-Feb. 3	3	6
Zone C	Dec. 22-Jan. 27	2	4
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(1) Each person participating in the regular sandhill crane seasons must have a valid sandhill crane hunting permit and/or a State-issued Harvest Information Survey Program (HIP) certification for game bird hunting in their possession while hunting.

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(6) In Kentucky, the season limit is 2 cranes. If the harvest objective of 400 cranes is obtained before the season ending date, the season will close.

5. Section 20.107 is revised to read as follows:

§20.107 Seasons, limits, and shooting hours for swans.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), shooting and hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits on the species designated in this section are as follows:

Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset, except as otherwise restricted by State regulations. Hunting is by State permit only.

Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take sandhill cranes at the level allowed by the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

NOTE: Successful permittees must immediately validate their harvest by that method required in State regulations.

	Season Dates	Limits
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>North Carolina</u>	Nov. 10-Jan. 31	1 tundra swan per season
<u>Virginia</u>	Dec. 1-Jan 31	1 tundra swan per season
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY (1)</u>		
<u>Montana</u>	Sept. 29-Jan. 3	1 tundra swan per season
<u>North Dakota</u>	Sept. 29-Dec. 30	1 tundra swan per season
<u>South Dakota</u>	Oct. 1-Dec. 23	1 tundra swan per permit
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY (1)(2)</u>		
<u>Montana (3)</u>	Oct. 13-Dec. 1	1 swan per season
<u>Nevada (4)(5)</u>	Oct. 13-Jan. 6	2 swans per season
<u>Utah (5)(6)</u>	Oct. 6-Dec. 9	1 swan per season

(1) See State regulations for description of area open to swan hunting.

(2) Any species of swan may be taken.

(3) In Montana, all harvested swans must be reported by way of a bill measurement card within 3 days of harvest.

(4) All harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 5 days of harvest.

(5) Harvests of trumpeter swans are limited to 5 in Nevada and 10 in Utah. When it has been determined that the quota of trumpeter swans allotted to Nevada and Utah will have been filled, the season for taking of any swan species in the respective State will be closed by either the Director upon giving public notice through local information media at least 48 hours in advance of the time and date of closing, or by the State through State regulations with such notice and time (not less than 48 hours) as they deem necessary.

(6) In Utah, all harvested swans and tags must be checked or registered within 3 days of harvest.

6. Section 20.109 is amended by adding the entries for the following States in alphabetical order to read as follows:

§20.109 Extended seasons, limits, and hours for taking migratory game birds by falconry.

Subject to the applicable provisions of the preceding sections of this part, areas open to hunting, respective open seasons (dates inclusive), hawking hours, and daily bag and possession limits for the species designated in this section are prescribed as follows:

Hawking hours are one-half hour before sunrise until sunset except as otherwise restricted by State regulations.

Area descriptions were published in the August 17, 2012 (77 FR 49868) and August 30, 2012 (77 FR 53118) Federal Registers.

Limits: The daily bag limit may include no more than 3 migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. These limits apply to falconry during both regular hunting seasons and extended falconry seasons -- unless further restricted by State regulations. The falconry bag and possession limits are not in addition to regular season limits. Unless otherwise specified, extended falconry for ducks does not include sea ducks within the special sea duck areas.

Although many States permit falconry during the gun seasons, only extended falconry seasons are shown below. Please consult State regulations for details.

NOTE: The following seasons are in addition to the seasons published previously in the August 31, 2012, Federal Register (77 FR 53752).

		Extended Falconry Dates
<u>ATLANTIC FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Delaware</u>		
	* * * * *	
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Jan. 28-Mar. 1
Brant		Jan. 28-Mar. 1
<u>Florida</u>		
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Ducks, mergansers, light geese, and coots		Oct. 30-Nov. 12 & Feb. 4-Mar. 1
<u>Georgia</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, gallinules, coots, and sea ducks		Nov. 26-Dec. 7 & Jan. 28-Feb. 1
<u>Maine</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots (4):	North Zone	Dec. 12-Feb. 1
	South & Coastal Zones	Jan. 8-Feb. 28
<u>Maryland</u>		
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		Extended Falconry Dates
Ducks		Feb. 11-Mar. 9
Brant		Jan. 28-Mar. 9
Light Geese		Feb. 16-Mar. 9
<u>Massachusetts</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, sea ducks, and coots		Feb. 2-Feb. 9
<u>New Hampshire</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Northern Zone	Dec. 1-Jan. 14
	Inland Zone	Nov. 5-Nov. 20 & Dec. 17-Jan. 14
	Coastal Zone	Jan. 25-Mar. 10
<u>New Jersey</u>		
Woodcock:	North Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 19 & Nov. 25-Jan. 15
	South Zone	Oct. 1-Nov. 9 & Dec. 2-Dec. 18 & Jan. 2-Jan. 15
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and brant:	North Zone	Jan. 6-Feb. 12
	South Zone	Jan. 11-Feb. 17
	Coastal Zone	Feb. 4-Mar. 9
<u>New York</u>		
Ducks, mergansers and coots:	Long Island Zone	Nov. 1-Nov. 22 & Nov. 26-Dec. 1 & Jan. 28-Feb. 13
	Northeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 5 & Oct. 15-Oct. 26 & Dec. 17-Jan. 13
	Southeastern Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Oct. 22-Nov. 9 & Dec. 31-Jan. 13
	Western Zone	Oct. 1-Oct. 26 & Dec. 10-Dec. 28
<u>North Carolina</u>		
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Ducks, mergansers and coots		Oct. 22-Nov. 3 &

			Extended Falconry Dates
			Jan. 28-Feb. 16
<u>Pennsylvania</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:		North Zone	Oct. 22-Nov. 12 & Jan. 7-Jan. 12 & Feb. 21-Mar. 9
		South Zone	Oct. 22-Nov. 13 & Feb. 16-Mar. 9
		Northwest Zone	Dec. 15-Jan. 12 & Feb. 22-Mar. 9
		Lake Erie Zone	Jan. 24-Mar. 9
Canada Geese:		SJBP Zone	Mar. 6-Mar. 9
		AP Zone	Feb. 6-Mar. 9
		RP Zone	Mar. 8-Mar. 9
<u>South Carolina</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Nov. 1-Nov. 16 & Nov. 25-Nov. 30 & Jan. 28-Feb. 2
<u>Virginia</u>			
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Moorhens and gallinules			Dec. 3-Dec. 7 & Jan. 28-Feb. 28
Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Dec. 3-Dec. 7 & Jan. 28-Feb. 28
Canada Geese:		Eastern (AP) Zone	Dec. 8-Dec. 19 & Feb. 1-Feb. 28
		Western (SJBP) Zone	Dec. 8-Dec. 13 & Feb. 16-Feb. 28
Brant			Oct. 4-Nov. 16 & Nov. 26-Dec. 7 & Jan. 28-Jan. 31
<u>MISSISSIPPI FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arkansas</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Feb. 1-Feb. 15

Extended Falconry
Dates

Illinois

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Feb. 10-Mar. 10

Indiana

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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

North Zone

Sept. 27-Sept. 30 &
Feb. 14-Mar. 10

Central Zone

Oct. 27-Nov. 2 &
Feb. 17-Mar. 10

South Zone

Oct. 27-Nov. 2 &
Feb. 17-Mar. 10

Iowa

Ducks, mergansers, and coots:

North Zone

Dec. 15-Jan. 28

Missouri River Zone

Dec. 21-Feb. 3

South Zone

Dec. 15-Jan. 28

White-fronted Geese:

North Goose Zone

Dec. 12-Jan. 13

Missouri River Zone

Dec. 26-Jan. 18

South Goose Zone

Dec. 19-Jan. 18

Kentucky

Ducks, mergansers, and coots

Nov. 5-Nov. 21 &
Nov. 26-Dec. 2 &
Jan. 28-Jan. 31

Geese

Nov. 5-Nov. 21

Louisiana

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Rails and moorhens

Nov. 3-Nov. 9 &
Jan. 3-Feb. 1

Ducks:

West Zone

Nov. 3-Nov. 9 &
Dec. 10-Dec. 21 &
Jan. 21-Feb. 1

East Zone

Nov. 3-Nov. 16 &
Dec. 3-Dec. 14 &
Jan. 28-Feb. 1

Coastal Zone

Nov. 3-Nov. 9 &

			Extended Falconry Dates
			Dec. 3-Dec. 14 & Jan. 21-Feb. 1
<u>Michigan</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens			Jan. 2-Feb. 5 & Mar. 1-Mar. 10
<u>Minnesota</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules			Dec. 15-Jan. 29
<u>Mississippi</u>			
Mourning Doves			Nov. 17-Nov. 25 & Jan. 14-Feb. 8
Ducks, mergansers and coots			Feb. 8-Mar. 8
<u>Missouri</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Feb. 10-Mar. 10
<u>Ohio</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Sept. 1-Sept. 16 & Feb. 8-Mar. 10
Geese			Sept. 1-Sept. 16 & Feb. 8-Mar. 10
<u>Tennessee</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots			Sept. 13-Oct. 18 & Nov. 15-Nov. 18
<u>Wisconsin</u>			
Rails, snipe, moorhens, and gallinules:	North Duck Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Nov. 5-Nov. 9 & Nov. 26-Dec. 16
	South Duck Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Oct. 8-Oct. 12 & Dec. 3-Dec. 16

		Extended Falconry Dates
Mississippi River Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Oct. 1-Oct. 12 & Dec. 3-Dec. 16
Woodcock		Sept. 1-Sept. 21 & Nov. 6-Dec. 16
Ducks, mergansers, and coots		Sept. 15-Sept. 16 & Jan. 11-Feb. 24
<u>CENTRAL FLYWAY</u>		
<u>Kansas</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Low Plains	Feb. 25-Mar. 10
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<u>Nebraska</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Zone 1	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Oct. 6-Oct. 7 & Jan. 25-Feb. 8
	Zone 2:	
	Low Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Sept. 29-Sept. 30 & Jan. 25-Feb. 8
	High Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 16 & Sept. 29-Sept. 30
	Zone 3:	
	Low Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Oct. 13-Oct. 14 & Jan. 25-Feb. 8
	High Plains	Sept. 8-Sept. 16 & Oct. 13-Oct. 14
	Zone 4	Sept. 8-Sept. 23 & Sept. 29-Sept. 30 & Jan. 25-Feb. 8
<u>Oklahoma</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Low Plains	Feb. 11-Feb. 25
<u>South Dakota</u>		
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	High Plains	Sept. 1-Sept. 8
	Low Plains:	

			Extended Falconry Dates
	North Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 17-Sept. 21 & Dec. 12-Dec. 23
	Middle Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 15-Sept. 19 & Dec. 12-Dec. 23
	South Zone		Sept. 1-Sept. 14 & Sept. 17-Oct. 3
<u>Texas</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Low Plains		Jan. 28-Feb. 11
<u>Wyoming</u>			
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Ducks, mergansers, and coots	Zone C1		Sept. 29-Oct. 5 & Oct. 22-Oct. 24
	Zone C2 & C3		Sept. 15-Sept. 16 & Nov. 26-Dec. 3
<u>PACIFIC FLYWAY</u>			
<u>Arizona</u>			
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Ducks and mergansers:	North Zone		Oct. 1-Oct. 4
	South Zone		Jan. 28-Jan. 31
<u>California</u>			
Ducks, mergansers, and coots:	Colorado River Zone		Jan. 28-Jan. 31
	Southern Zone		Jan. 28-Jan. 31
	Southern San Joaquin Zone		Jan. 28-Jan. 31
Canada Geese and White-fronted Geese:	Northeastern Zone		Jan. 14-Jan. 18
	Colorado River Zone		Same as for Ducks
	Southern Zone (5)		Same as for Ducks
	Balance-of-State Zone (6)		Same as for Ducks
Brant:	Northern Zone		Oct. 20-Nov. 6 & Dec. 7-Feb. 1
	Southern Zone		Oct. 20-Nov. 9 & Dec. 10-Feb. 1

					Extended Falconry Dates	
Light Geese:	Northeastern Zone				Jan. 14-Jan. 18	
	Colorado River Zone				Same as for Ducks	
	Southern Zone (5)				Same as for Ducks	
	Balance-of-State Zone (6)				Same as for Ducks	
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(4) In Maine, the daily bag and possession limits for black ducks are 1 and 2, respectively.

(5) In California, the falconry season for geese is concurrent with the regular season for white geese in the Imperial County special management area.

(6) In California, the falconry season for geese is concurrent with the regular season for small Canada geese in Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

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